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## Young Man Assassinated near Batesburg--Was Returning Home from Mill.

Batesburg special in Sunday's State: Mr. George W. Mabus, a highly respected young white man of his community, was shot to death today, about four miles out from Batesburg, near the Aiken county line as he was quietly returning home from mill by a party or parties in ambush.

The shots, three in number, were fired by a party or parties, concealed in the underbrush or woods near the roadside. Two loads of the buckshot took effect in Mabus' head and one in the neck.

Dr. L. M. Mitchell, who was visiting a patient near the scene of the assassination, heard the shots and is of the opinion that from the time intervening between the shots that they must have been fired by two persons. Dr. Mitchell was the first one to find young Mabus, his mule and the buggy containing his almost lifeless body being only a short distance from the scene of the shooting.

Mabus' condition was such that he could not tell anything of the circumstances of the shooting beyond that he had been ambushed. He died very shortly after Dr. Mitchell reached him.

Some weeks since young Mabus was involved in a cutting scrape with Lee Fallaw, a young white man and a neighbor of Mabus, on the streets of Batesburg, and beyond the enemies made as a result of this fight, was not known to have any.

Strong suspicions attach to several persons and there is scarcely any doubt that the perpetrator of this cowardly deed will be apprehended.

## Two Brothers Charged with Murder of Mabus.

Batesburg special in Monday's State: The coroner's jury sitting over the dead body of George W. Mabus, who was waylaid and shot to death about 9 o'clock Saturday morning, the 22d inst., after being out about three minutes to-day returned a unanimous verdict, charging Lee Fallaw and Clifford Fallaw, two brothers, with murder, as principals, and Clinton Fallaw and Isaac Taylor, as accessories, the former before the fact and the latter after the fact.

## Barber Shoots Up Car.

Denver, June 22.—In a shooting affray that occurred on a passenger train on the Rock Island near Selden, Kansas, T. P. Topp, of St. Paul was killed and Mrs. Morris Olsen and her sister, Mrs. Harry Blakesly were wounded. The shots were fired by John Bells, an Italian barber.

A young man who was about to be married was very nervous, and while asking for information as to how he must act, asked the question:

"Is it customary to cuss the bride?"—Brooklyn Life.

## Child Killed and its Mother Made Ill by Eating Poisoned Egg.

Cade's special in the News and Courier: A negro woman and her little child, living three miles south of here, on the L. H. Parrott estate, were poisoned today by an egg supposed to have contained strychnine. The child died and the mother is desperately ill. A small portion of the egg was eaten by a cat, and it is very much swollen and in a dying condition. It seems that the poisoned woman was in town yesterday, and while on her way home was called to by one of her former neighbor women and asked if she wanted an egg. She answered in the affirmative, took the egg home with her, and cooked it this morning, with the above results.

The woman who gave the egg says she gave it, but that she brought it along with five others, and did not know of its deadly contents.

## Preacher Excommunicated by His Congregation.

Blackville special in Monday's State: What has been one of the greatest sensations that this town has ever known is that which culminated in the excommunication from the Baptist church here today of Rev. C. M. Billings, its pastor.

Billings' resignation was asked for on last Sunday, and positive proof of the awful scandal which has been generally reported on him recently being in the hands of the church, he was today excluded.

Billings, upon hearing that his church had positive proof that cast away the slightest possibility of his innocence being believed even by his friends left town on the next train. A pretty domestic is involved. His wife, who is an invalid, and his only child, a small boy, are still here.

## Parson Billing Heard From.

Augusta, Ga., special in yesterday's State: Rev. C. M. Billings of Blackville gave out the following tonight:

"The Rev. C. M. Billings, who was reported yesterday morning as having deserted his invalid wife and helpless child at Blackville, S. C., came to Augusta from Blackville last night. He states that he has no further statement to make at present regarding the unpleasant affair than to say that he has never thought of deserting his family or fleeing to parts unknown and that the correspondent from Blackville knew there were no grounds for such a statement.

"Mr. Billings will be in the city for a few days and hopes his friends and acquaintances will withhold judgment upon the deplorable affair until he has time to advise with them."

Mrs. W. F. Orenshaw and Miss Anna Williams, of Cedar Creek, spent yesterday in town.

## Mysterious Death of a Young Lady in North Carolina--Body Found on Railroad Track.

Concord special in Charlotte Observer: Last night train No. 29 on the Southern struck something on the track on a fill near Harrisburg. The train was stopped and a search was made by the engineer, but nothing could be found. The agent at Harrisburg was notified and, accompanied by a section man search was instituted for the object which the train struck. About 1 o'clock the body of Miss Ella Huneycutt, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. Calvin Huneycutt, of Harrisburg, was found. Earlier in the night the girl left home alone and her father had been out on the streets inquiring for her. As soon as her body was found he was notified but, strange to say, he did not go to view it till a late hour in the night. There seems to be something mysterious about the death of the young lady and it is believed by many that she had been killed and placed on the track. Her body was considerably bruised, both legs and an arm being broken.

## Negro Brute Charged with Assaulting 9-Year Old Colored Child.

Durham special in Charlotte Observer: Louis Williams, colored, is under arrest here on a charge that will break his neck if proved. He is charged with criminally assaulting the negro girl, Mary Briggs, daughter of Hattie Briggs, who is only 9 years old. The crime was committed in the country, and the mother caught the brute in the act. She used a rifle, firing three shots, but missing her mark. The negro replied by drawing his pistol and shooting two holes through the dress of the enraged mother.

## Hot Some in Ohio.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 24.—Heat here today caused six deaths and over twenty were prostrated. Among the victims was S. Kitani, a Jap and one of the wealthiest business men of the city. He was prostrated while at a ball game.

## Prominent Citizen of Chester Thrown from Buggy.

Chester special in Monday's State: Mr. Jesse H. Hardin, one of the county's oldest, best known citizens and successful farmers, was thrown to the ground and seriously hurt a few days ago by his horse taking fright just as Mr. Hardin was in the act of alighting from his buggy. He is slowly recovering. It may be mentioned that Mr. Hardin is the sole survivor of the original board of State trustees of Clemson college.

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## Defense in the Famous Haywood Case Outlined--Denial of Every Count.

Boise, Idaho, June 24.—In an address that occupied two sessions of the District Court today, Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, outlined to the jury the detailed defense of William D. Haywood to the charge that he murdered former Governor Steunenburg. In broad description, it is to be a denial of every material count in the testimony of Orchard with a showing that Orchard killed Steunenburg because of a private grudge borne by the loss of a rich share in the Hercules mine, and explanations of the independent circumstances that tend to connect the co-defendants with Orchard's life and operations.

Haywood will take the stand to make personal denial of Orchard's accusations. Moyer may be called to testify solely to events and circumstances affecting the Western Federation of Miners, but Pettibone probably will not be a witness in this case. Darrow explained that Moyer and Pettibone must stand trial for this same crime, and declared that every lawyer knew the danger, whatever the circumstances, of exposing men awaiting trial under like circumstances.

Darrow denied the existence of the great conspiracy to murder alleged by the State with Orchard's testimony as a basis; denied that the Federation was anything but an earnest fighting labor organization with higher wages, shorter hours, tolerable working conditions and the care, safety and education of its members and their wives and children as its high and only motives; denied the intimacy with the three co-defendants that Orchard laid claim to; denied the several conferences and conversations that Orchard swore to; denied Orchard had even committed many of the crimes he had boasted of and promised to make proof of his contentions with many of the men named by Orchard when on the stand, and many witnesses of creditable character and not connected by any tie with the federation or its leaders.

## He Got Thin All Right.

Belleville, Ill., June 24.—Without taking food for twenty-two days and with only double distilled water, Dr. I. L. Eales reduced his weight from one hundred and ninety-one pounds to one hundred and sixty-eight and a half pounds. He was experimenting for the benefit of his health.

—The Rev. W. C. Winn, of Elgin, was unable to fill his appointment at Zion church last Sunday on account of sickness. He was taken suddenly ill after his horse had been hitched up, ready for the journey. His many friends will be pleased to know that he has since fully recovered.

## Bishop Capers Paralyzed--Condition No Better Yesterday.

Columbia, S. C. June 23.—The announcement today that Bishop Ellison Capers, of the South Carolina Episcopal diocese, was in a sinking condition at his summer home at Cedar Mountain, N. C., caused genuine grief in thousands of hearts throughout the State, as it is felt this marks the end. He is partially paralyzed and the paralysis is spreading.

Members of the bishop's family have been summoned to his bedside.

The State last night received the following dispatch:

"Paralysis, stupor increasing and patient is weakening. Worse yesterday and today.

"B. W. Hunt, M. D."

## To Quarantine Against Consumption.

Austin, Texas, June 24.—All persons suffering from tuberculosis in advanced stage are to be debarred from entering Texas.

## Child Kicked by a Horse.

A 3-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Glass, of Edgemoor, was kicked by a horse Saturday and is in a critical condition. The blow landed on the right side of the child's head, crushing the skull and allowing the brains to ooze out.

## Murdered His Family.

Jasper, Fla.—W. W. Barton a carpenter, last night shot and killed his wife, three of his children and then wounded another, aged five. He then killed himself.

The deed is the result of domestic troubles, it is believed. On Tuesday after a quarrel with his wife he left home. Returning Wednesday night he found the door nailed up. He broke it down and completed the tragedy which was not discovered until today.

—Mrs. Hagins, wife of Dr. J. J. Hagins, who moved some time ago from Rock Hill to Marion, N. C., died last Saturday.

—Mr. Marion Mathis, formerly of Lancaster, but now agent at Camden of the Atlantic Coast Line, passed through here Monday on his way to Asheville to attend the funeral of his uncle, Governor Mathis, who died Sunday.

—"Daniel Garrick," a beautiful comedy in three acts, will be presented in Chester next Friday night, by local talent, led by Mr. and Mrs. Edouard D'Oize, who are professionals of national reputation. Their charming production of "Damon and Pythias" in Chester last year will be pleasantly recalled by the many Lancastrians who were present. The performance Friday night is for the benefit of the Patterson Library.